

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 15, 2009. Independent claims 1, 15, 19, 22 and 23 are amended to include allowable features from claim 9. Claim 9 is cancelled without prejudice. No new matter is added. Claims 26-41 were withdrawn. Claims 1-8, 10-19 and 21-25 are active for examination. The amendments either place the application in condition for allowance or reduce issues for appeal. Entry of the amendments should be proper.

The Examiner is thanked for the favorable determination that claim 9 includes allowable subject matter. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon (U.S. Patent 6,405,047) in view of Watters (U.S. Patent 6,230,018). The Office Action rejected claims 4, 13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of Watters and further in view of Janhonen (U.S. Patent 6,023,618). Claims 5, 14 and 23 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of Watters and further in view of Havinis (U.S. Patent 6,671,377). The Examiner rejected claims 8, 12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of Watters and Patel (U.S. Patent 7,043, 225). Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of Watters and Havinis, and further in view of Kieranen (U.S. Patent 6,681,099). Claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that claim 9 would be allowable if it is rewritten in independent form.

By this Response, all independent claims are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 9. It is submitted that the claim rejections are overcome. Favorable reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the reasons given above, Applicant believes that this application is conditioned for allowance and Applicant requests that the Examiner give the application favorable consideration and permit it to issue as a patent. However, if the Examiner believes that the application can be put in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representatives listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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